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The steamer Prentiss is due this morning from San Francisco.

Owing to the enormous expense of bringing the midwinter circus to Astoria, the free list has been suspended.

The largest variety of purses in the city, consisting of seal, snake, alligator genuine buckskin, etc., at Rogers' drugist.

We have reduced the price of breakfast crisps to 3 packages for 25c; regular price, 15c per package. Johnson Bros.

Having on hand a large stock of table and cooking apples we will sell them at reduced prices for a few days. Johnson Bros.

The American schooner Novelties has finished loading at the Columbia wharf. She goes to San Francisco and takes 670,000 feet of lumber.

A meeting of the Civic Improvement league will be held at the city hall Monday night. All members are requested to be present.

The 200-foot bridge across the Fishhawk river at Jewell, was carried away during a recent freshet in that stream. It will probably be replaced after the rainy season is over.

Miss Mary E. Empe died yesterday morning of paralysis of the brain, which followed an attack of typhoid. Deceased was 17 years of age. Her parents reside at Knappa, where the funeral will be held.

The county court has made an order that a bill be presented to the city for \$149.55, for paving with crushed rock and planking the road leading from the reservoir to the city limits. This road connects with the Nehalem highway.

The new Clatsop mills commenced operations yesterday, when the first log was sawed. The mills are model in every respect and the money which they will distribute monthly in Astoria will have its effect on business conditions.

Judge McBride will be in the city December 29 and hold a brief session of the circuit court. At that time City Attorney Smith will submit a motion for the dissolution of the injunction issued against the improvement of Thirty-fourth street. The street has been improved, but while the injunction is in effect it is impossible to pay the contractor for his work.

The high school students have made elaborate preparations for the entertainment to be given this evening in the Flavel building on Bond street and it is anticipated a large crowd will be in attendance. The affair will be managed by members of the sophomore and junior classes instead of by the sophomores and freshmen as heretofore announced.

The Young People's society of the Norwegian-Danish Methodist church meets this evening at 7:45. December 8 being the 10th anniversary of the birth of Christ, the program, next Friday's program will be devoted to his life and work.

At yesterday's session of the county court Roadmaster Frye submitted his monthly report. It showed that contracts for four small bridges had been let during November, and called attention to the unsafe condition of the 60-foot bridge near Westport.

It was erroneously stated in these columns yesterday that the Elks' annual memorial services would be held on Saturday. The services will take place on Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. An excellent program has been prepared for the occasion.

The steamship Elder arrived down the river yesterday and departed for San Francisco. She took no freight from this port except an old propeller that was formerly used on the Wallula. The Columbia is due to arrive this morning from San Francisco and Tuesday has been fixed as her sailing date. Hereafter the Elder and Columbia will maintain their former schedules between Astoria and San Francisco.

A government patent conveying title to 61,850 acres of land in Clatsop, Washington, Lane, Douglas, Cass and Tillamook counties was filed for record in County Clerk Clinton's office yesterday. The land is conveyed to the Northern Pacific Railroad company. The patent is dated January 29, 1902, and is issued in accordance with an act making land grants to "and the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Lake Superior to Puget sound."

City Surveyor Tice yesterday filed a report on the petition presented at the last meeting of the council by J. S. Siveren for permission to construct a bulkhead in Adair's Astoria. The report recommends that the petition be granted, as the proposed bulkhead would be the means of preventing logs from damaging the underpinning of the street, and would also prevent the possibility of the bank caving in. There was some objection to granting the request for the reason that Mr. Siveren asked permission to build the bulkhead on his property. The matter will be submitted to the council for final action at its next meeting.

Captain Vexey, Lloyd's surveyor, yesterday made an official visit to the scene of the accident to the British ship Bidston Hill. After the investigation Captain Vexey came to this city and returned to Portland on the night train. A diver was sent down to examine the vessel. He found that she had struck forward, but that a hole had not been made in her bottom. The rivets in the forward compartment had been sprung and the water leaked in, seeping from the compartment into the hold. The damage is very slight. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Bidston Hill continued on her way up the river in tow of the Oklahoma. It was found that her cargo had not been damaged, and that the water which seeped through from the compartment could be kept down merely by use of a bucket.

There was a tull in the heavy weather for a time yesterday afternoon and three vessels reached port. They were the French bark Marie, 105 days from Table Bay South Africa, in ballast; the French bark Jean Bart, 148 days from London, with a general cargo, and the British ship Foyledale, 176 days from Liverpool, with a general cargo. The Marie had an exciting experience while crossing in over the bar. She was struck by a great sea and two of her stern posts were knocked out. No other damage resulted to the vessel, nor was anyone injured. The steamers San Mateo and Despatch arrived at 3 o'clock and left up two hours later for Portland. While all the arrivals report heavy weather, each rode out the storm in safety. The barkentine Chahalis and the steamer Alliance arrived down the river yesterday and are ready to proceed out. None of the weatherbound fleet got to sea yesterday, the tugs having been kept busy handling the incoming vessels.

The "book reception" for the benefit of the traveling libraries of the Woman's club, which was held at the home of Mrs. Samuel Elmore yesterday afternoon, was very successful. Over 90 volumes, nearly all of which were bound books, many of them new and all in perfect condition, were received by the ladies who acted as the reception committee—Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Kettner, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Think. Many who found it convenient to attend the reception sent books. In spite of the inclement weather, about 40 guests enjoyed the musical program and the refreshments which were served by the young ladies of the Thursday Afternoon club. The committee having charge of the library department of the club work desires to thank very heartily all who so kindly contributed. The boxes will be filled at once and sent on their journey to those who have no library advantages. The musical program rendered yesterday included piano solos by Mrs. Charles R. Higgins, Miss Fox and Mrs. Baker; a piano duet by Mrs. Higgins and Miss Elmore, and vocal solos by Mrs. Samuel Maddock and Miss Shively.

Carl Johnson, a resident of Svensen, was brought to the city last evening by Sheriff Linville and Deputy Young and confined in the county jail pending examination as to his sanity. The officers went up in response to a telephone message, which conveyed the information that Johnson was violently insane. A launch was chartered to bring him to the city. Johnson's mental condition showed some improvement last evening. He has been employed at the logging camp of C. C. Masten, and his wife and two children live at Svensen.

There will be great demand for advertising space in The Astorian's annual, and merchants and manufacturers are advised to place their orders at an early date. This edition will have a guaranteed circulation of 5000 copies, and, besides going into every home in Astoria and the adjoining towns in the lower Columbia river district, will be extensively circulated in eastern trade markets, where the products of this region are bought. Persons buying copies of the annual may mail them from this office merely by furnishing the business department with addresses. For this service The Astorian will make no charge.

Yesterday was the record day for registrations for the coming city election. In all, 124 persons called at the office of Auditor Nelson to go through the formality. The total number of names now on the books is 823, and if the ratio is maintained for the next two days the total will exceed 1000. Yesterday 24 persons registered from precinct No. 1, 20 from No. 2, 19 from No. 3, 26 from No. 4, 13 from No. 5, and 12 from No. 6. The number registered in the several polling places is as follows: No. 1, 94; No. 2, 175; No. 3, 196; No. 4, 190; No. 5, 66; No. 6, 103. The office of the auditor will be open tonight between the hours of 7 and 9 for the convenience of working men, and the registration books will be closed tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, after which hour registrations will not be made.

The new road law which will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the legislature by Representative Carnahan will shortly be put in shape and submitted to the members of the Push club for suggestions. The law will divide the county into road districts giving the county court authority to alter the boundaries of the districts once a year. It will provide for a general state road tax of 5 mills, which shall be expended in the maintenance of roads. Each district will be given the amount raised by its taxpayers, and there will be no apportionment, as is the case with school funds. The several districts will be empowered to vote any additional levy which may be required for roads and a maximum tax will be fixed in the bill. The levying of road taxes will be entirely taken out of the hands of the county court. It has been suggested that perhaps the people of several districts through which a new proposed road might run would not all agree to levy the necessary tax, but the framers of the bill do not anticipate any difficulty on this score. The school law works satisfactorily, and the road law would prove equally as efficient. A law such as that proposed for Oregon is in effect in Washington and is said to operate to the satisfaction of taxpayers.

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Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 29th day of November, 1902.

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VIEWS OF A FORMER PRISONER AT SALEM.

Says Present System Is an Abuse and Would Point Out Its Shortcomings.

Frank S. Ingram, the Oregon prisoner who lost a limb at the time of the sensational escape of Tracy and Merrill, and who was later pardoned by Governor Geer, has interested himself in road matters, particularly with reference to the employment of convict labor on the highways of the state. Ingram believes that the people are being misled under the present system of using convict labor, and his letter on the subject is an interesting one. Some days ago a dispatch from Astoria telling of the proposed new road law which Representative-elect Carnahan will introduce at the coming session of the legislature was printed in the Salem Statesman. Ingram read it and was prompted thereby to write Mr. Carnahan. His letter is dated at Salem and is as follows:

"In this morning's Statesman there is an article which I presume was written by you, and for the interest of the public in regard to road building. Having been raised a farmer and acquired experience in other states where good roads are made, I am quite an expert in the matter, and consequently take a great deal of interest in movements of the kind. Being a mechanic I understand how to make the tools with which to do the work.

"Seeing by the paper that you are a member of the legislature, there is a matter I wish to call to your attention, owing to the interest you seem to be taking in the public welfare, and a matter that should be thoroughly looked into. I refer to convict labor on roads. I recently had an interview with County Judge Scott (of Marion county) about this subject, and I found him to be very much interested in it. He had for some time been trying to find out about convict labor, but had not thought of me. I was able to tell him many things he did not know.

"Having been in prison for over 10 years, I know the place like a book, and all about convict labor and the abuses that have been and are still being made of it in the interests of private individuals. Labor is sold now by the state for 35 cents a day, when 50 cents would be little enough. The labor of many of the convicts who are skilled workmen would be cheap at \$1 to \$2.50 per day.

"As I say, I know what convict labor is. I worked all over the prison and consequently know whereof I speak. I should like very much to have an opportunity to take a committee from the next legislature through the penitentiary and explain the prison from a convict's point of view. Then I would have no doubt of your seeing the waste that is being made of the labor, at the expense of the taxpayers, who maintain the institution with large appropriations. It occurs to me that it is a very difficult matter for a body of men to legislate for an institution about which they know very little. This is a matter that should have your attention regardless of politics or persons.

"I am aware that this stove firm, in order to get the labor as cheaply as possible, makes the complaint that the labor is inferior, and does not in any way point out the good qualities of the workmen. All men who get into prison are not morally and physically as bad as many people try to make them appear. When men are cast into prison they become public property, and should be worked in such ways as to benefit the public, and to encourage them to take their places again as better men, and not a menace to life and property.

"I have read many newspaper articles upon good roads committees, and many of them, to my mind, are written by persons who never built a rod of road in their lives. Wind work is very easy. I should like to take a gang of convicts (say 25) on the road for 12 months and show the people of the state what could be accomplished. While I am not identified with any committees, I claim to be an expert at this work."

Mr. Carnahan says that Ingram's suggestion is not at all a poor one, and he expresses the opinion that Oregon's convict labor should be employed in the construction of a 100-foot road from the capital to Fort Stevens, in the interests of public protection. Were a hostile fleet to take the forts at the mouth of the river they could be held indefinitely with no better means of transportation than those afforded at present, whereas a highway such as Mr. Carnahan suggests would give the invaded a chance to recapture the posts.

PIANO GIVEN AWAY

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